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# **ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL**

**THEOCRACY IN THE LIGHT  
OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
(Tape Code J-8)**

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“Democracy will certainly fail unless democracy patterns theocracy.<sup>1</sup> In order to gain a purer sense of democracy, we must first gain a *scientific understanding of theocracy*—the government of God, the reign of divine Science.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> My. 283:26–28.

<sup>2</sup> Excerpt from Max Kappeler, *Christian Government—Its Scientific Evolution*, 3<sup>rd</sup> English edition (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing, 1991), p. 10.

## **Contents:**

### **Theocracy in the Light of Christian Science: Government under the immediate direction of the laws of God**

#### **I. The Method of Problem Solving**

The problem of today: What constitutes true government?

The solution: as seen by world leaders, scientists, philosophers, and in the Science of Christian Science.

A discussion of Kappeler's *Christian Government*

#### **II. The Science of Government**

- The laws of God
- The government of God
- The rights and duties of man
- Divine justice

#### **III. The Church of Christ, Scientist**

- Definitions of church: material, social (organized), spiritual
- First organization (1<sup>st</sup> degree)
- Second organization (2<sup>nd</sup> degree)
- the spiritual church (3<sup>rd</sup> degree)

#### **IV. The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston MA**

- The Manual of The Mother Church

#### **V. *Science and Health with Key to the Scripture* by Mary Baker Eddy**

- *Science and Health* presents the "spiritual church" based on the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love (S&H 107:1)

#### **VI. *Christ and Christmas* by Mary Baker Eddy**

- "The Way"
  - 1<sup>st</sup> degree: 1<sup>st</sup> material church (black cross)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> degree: 2<sup>nd</sup> organized church (budding cross and birds)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> degree: the spiritual church (the imperial crown)

#### **V. Theocracy**

- Divine Science: government under the immediate direction of the self-organizing laws of divine Principle, Love

**Subject:**

- Christian Science—government and ethics
- Christian Science and world issues

**Related books:**

- Max Kappeler, *Christian Government—Its Scientific Evolution* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1991)
- Max Kappeler, *Introduction to the Science of Christian Science* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1978)

**Synopsis:**

As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century mankind is alive with the question, What constitutes the true government of man? Max Kappeler in *Christian Government* states:

“The relation of God and man is fixed and based on Science; it cannot be changed. The question then arises: How is man governed? It is revealed that God’s government of man consists of definite spiritual laws, rights, and duties” (page 12).

This class presents an in-depth discussion of man’s birthright to be governed by God, divine Principle. Divine government is based on divine laws, rights, duties, and divine justice.

## **Theocracy: The Self-government of God**

“From the infinite One in Christian Science comes on Principle and its infinite idea, and with this infinitude come spiritual rules, laws, and their demonstration...” (S&H 112:16–19)

The self-evolving, self-governing, self-organizing laws of God are demonstrating **divine Principle, Love’s** perfect plan in all of our human experience. In Max Kappeler’s, *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook: The Apocalypse* (page 4) we find the scientific structure behind the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm as presented in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (Mary Baker Eddy) ‘The Apocalypse’ page 578:4–18 as follows:

### **Psalm 23: A Psalm of David in the light of Christian Science:**

<b>Love:</b>	The incorporeal or spiritual sense of Deity demonstrates <b>Love’s perfection</b> in human experience.
/as Mind	<b>[Divine Love]</b> is my shepherd; I shall not want. <i>Mind guides</i>
/as Spirit	<b>[Love]</b> maketh me to lie down in green pastures: <b>[Love]</b> leadeth me beside the still waters. <i>Spirit feeds and clothes</i>
/as Soul	<b>[Love]</b> restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: <i>Soul restores</i>
/as Principle	<b>[Love]</b> leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake <i>Principle demonstrates itself</i>
/as Life	Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for <b>[Love]</b> is with me; <b>[Love’s]</b> rod and <b>[Love’s]</b> staff they comfort me. <i>Life leads to deathless life</i>
/as Truth	<b>[Love]</b> prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: <b>[Love]</b> anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <i>Truth’s consciousness saves</i>
/as Love	Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness of <b>[Love]</b> ] for ever. <i>Love bestows infinite good</i>



## Educational Program

### **Divine Principle, Love's Laws of Self-adjustment**

Mrs. Eddy states:

“Some people try to tend folks,  
as if they should steer the regulator of mankind.  
God makes us pay for tending the action  
that He adjusts.”  
(Mis. 353:18–20)

### **Our responsibility in the self-governing universe of Principle, God**

**Max Kappeler** in *Introduction to the Science of Christian Science* (pp. 13–25) shows very clearly our role under the theocratic government of Principle, God:

The four prime factors for solving problems

1. We must respond to the self-government of God by choosing the right guiding principle.
2. To trust the problem-solving power of this guiding principle.
3. To act in accordance with the guiding principle.
4. To understand the Principle of being, God, to be the guiding principle of Life and our very own every day life experience.

This is our birthright, to be governed by God, divine Principle, Love.

## What is True Government<sup>3</sup>? Max Kappeler

### **MIND**

Our divine birthright when governed by divine Mind:

- The right to think
  - independently (dependent on Mind alone)
  - logically
- The right to learn
  - to investigate, search, study
- The right to be law-abiding
- The right to courage of conviction
  - to act boldly
- The right to know God, divine Principle
  - to be free of agnosticism, animal magnetism

### **SPIRIT**

Our divine birthright when governed by Spirit:

- The right to evolve spiritually
- The right to worship God, divine Principle
  - to be free from polytheism
- The right to be good and pure
  - to be free from evil and friction
  - to be free from materialism and spiritualism
- The right to attend the birth of the divine idea

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<sup>3</sup> References: Max Kappeler, *Christian Government—Its Scientific Evolution*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1991), pp. 12–25.

Max Kappeler, *A Study Aid for the Science of Christian Science* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1984), pp. 70–77.

**What is True Government?, Max Kappeler, continued.**

**SOUL**

Our divine birthright when governed by Soul:

- The right to freedom
  - to be free from slavery, bondage, and sin
  - the right to have spiritual integrity, and perseverance
  - the right to joy, and happiness
- The right to security, and safety
  - the right to pursue spiritual understanding
  - the right to identify ourselves with God, divine Principle
  - to be free from malpractice and pantheism

**PRINCIPLE**

Our divine birthright when governed by Principle:

- The right to be obedient and loyal to Principle alone
  - to be free from obedience to personal theories, personal authorities
- The right to be honest
- The right to have spiritual power
- The right to let Principle interpret the universe
- The right to be under the government of God, divine Principle, and to be self-governed
  - to be free of the belief in an anthropomorphic God
- The right to have a spiritually-scientific attitude

**LIFE**

Our divine birthright when governed by Life:

- The right to develop and preserve our true individuality
  - to be free from all attempts to persecute or rob us of our God-given individuality
  - the right to soar above the mortal concept of life
  - to be free of the belief, here and now, of limitations of time, the cycle of birth-maturity-death
- The right to be a spiritual pioneer
- The right to go the way of Life
  - to be free from persecution



**What is True Government?, Max Kappeler, continued.**

**TRUTH**

Our divine birthright when governed by Truth:

- The right to be “the son of God”
  - to claim our spiritual inheritance
- The right to be healthy
  - to be free from sickness
- The right to divine consciousness
  - to be free from mortal, human consciousness
- The right to adhere to the ideal standard of Truth
  - to be free from the standards set by the mortal, human mind

**LOVE**

Our divine birthright when governed by Love:

- The right to welcome the plan of God, Love, and universal salvation
  - to be free from nihilism, and the belief in eternal damnation
- The right to accept the motherhood (womanhood) qualities of Love
  - to be free from fear and hate
- The right to accept perfection, and the goal-directed perfect design of Love
  - to be free from the belief in imperfection